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**Massachusetts Coast Guide to Boston & the North Shore**  
**Your Road Map to Summer Fun!**

BOSTON – With warm, sunny days on the horizon, Massachusetts offers myriad opportunities for seaside recreation. To help Bay State residents make the most of shoreline treasures close to home, the Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) has produced a free guidebook that features nearly 400 destinations for daytrips and coastal activities.

“The *Massachusetts Coast Guide to Boston and the North Shore* offers 83 pages of ideas for enjoying a variety of seashore destinations - from popular sandy beaches to working waterfronts and secluded inlets,” said Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Ian Bowles.

The *Coast Guide* provides information about sites from Hingham to Salisbury that offer public access to the coast. Nearly 40 percent of this approximately 400-mile section of the Commonwealth’s coastline is owned by public agencies or non-profit groups, and most of this area is open for public use and enjoyment.

Loaded with colorful photos and maps, the 10”-by-6.5” spiral-bound book fits easily into backpacks and glove compartments. An online version is available at [www.mass.gov/czm/coastguide](http://www.mass.gov/czm/coastguide). The *Coast Guide* informs readers about local beaches, parks, boat ramps, and other resources (including those accessible via public transportation), the history of public access to the Massachusetts shore, and tips for taking care of the coast.

For ideas about where to go along the entire 1,500-mile Massachusetts coast, CZM has also developed an Online Locator of Coastal Public Access Sites ([www.mass.gov/czm/access/products/access\\_locator.htm](http://www.mass.gov/czm/access/products/access_locator.htm)). Developed in conjunction with the Massachusetts Office of Geographic and Environmental Information (MassGIS), this searchable inventory displays maps and printable descriptions of coastal properties that are owned by government agencies or major non-profit land conservation organizations and open to the public.

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To request a copy of the *Massachusetts Coast Guide to Boston and the North Shore*, write to the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 800, Boston, MA, 02114; send an email to [czm@state.ma.us](mailto:czm@state.ma.us); or call 617-626-1212.

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